



SMALL AND SIMPLE PROJECTS FUND 2006 Application Reminders

Before completing and submitting a Small and Simple Projects Fund application, read the Neighborhood Matching Fund Guidelines and discuss the project idea with a Neighborhood Matching Fund project manager to ensure that the project is a good fit for the Fund. You can receive a copy of the Guidelines and talk to a project manager by calling (206) 684-0464.

Also, remember the following:

1. **Deadlines are firm.** The next Small and Simple Projects Fund deadlines are **January 17, April 3, July 10 and October 2, 2006.** Call the Department of Neighborhoods at 206-684-0464 or visit the website www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf for information.

The application and attachments must be received by 5:00 p.m. at the Department of Neighborhoods or any Neighborhood Service Center. Late applications will not be accepted. Please make sure you are using the current year's application form.
2. Submit an **original and six (6) copies** of the application and attachments. All attachments must be 8-1/2" x 11" in size and printed **on one side only.** The organization's Chairperson or President must sign the original.
3. The application must be thoroughly completed. Answer all questions or indicate that a question is "not applicable."
4. Re-check the budget calculations to ensure the figures are in the correct columns and the math is correct.
5. Document the project's match with written pledges that are included as attachments to the application.
6. Make sure you've correctly identified the project's contact person on the first page of the application, including their current address and phone numbers. This is the person who will be contacted if there are any questions about the application.
7. **Notification.** Within 30 working days (about 6 weeks) of the application deadline, applicants are notified of award decisions and specific conditions, if any, that need to be met before a contract is executed.
8. **Contracting.** Within 60 working days (about 12 weeks) of the application deadline, an Agreement for Services, a contract between the neighborhood organization and the City, is finalized and signed, authorizing the project to begin. *The City has no responsibility to reimburse the organization for any expenses incurred before the Agreement is in place.*

Note: Awards will be rescinded for projects not ready for contracting within 60 working days of the application deadline.

NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING FUND General Information

The strength of Seattle is in its neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Matching Fund program was created in 1988 to help build even stronger neighborhoods by providing a cash award for projects and an opportunity for you and your neighbors to build community by working together. Over 3000 projects have been completed throughout Seattle since the program began.

*The Small and Simple Projects Fund is a component of the Neighborhood Matching Fund for projects requesting **\$15,000 or less** and taking 6 months or less to complete. Applications are accepted several times each year.*

For more information, call the Department of Neighborhoods at 206-684-0464 or visit the website at www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf



City of Seattle Neighborhood Matching Fund Program
Small and Simple Projects Fund
2006 Application

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Project #:
Date Received:
Copy #:

Submit the **original and 6 copies** of the application form and attachments to the City of Seattle, Department of Neighborhoods, 700 5th Avenue Suite 1700, PO Box 94649, Seattle, WA 98124-4649, (206) 684-0464, or to your local Neighborhood Service Center. The application and copies must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the due date.

Project Identification Information			
Project Name:			
Project Address:			
Briefly describe the project in 50 words or less:			
Neighborhood:		District:	Sector:

Applicant Contact Information			
Applicant Organization:			
Project Contact Person:			
Mailing Address:		Zip Code:	
Day/Work Phone:		Evening/Home Phone:	
Home E-Mail Address:			
Work E-Mail Address:			

Project Funding Request Amounts	
TOTAL Small and Simple Projects Fund request from the City:	\$
TOTAL value of neighborhood match (neighborhood's contribution):	\$

Supplemental Information	
Is this project referenced in a neighborhood plan (yes/no)? (The answer to this question does not affect the award decision.)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
If yes, which plan?	
Does your organization have a current Neighborhood Matching Fund award?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
If yes, what is the project?	

The signatory declares that s/he is the elected Chair or President of the applicant organization, assures that a majority of members of the organization's governing board have voted to undertake this project, and assures that any funds received as a result of the application will be used only for purposes set forth herein. **Project Sponsor attended a workshop on _____**
Or met with _____, a Neighborhood Matching Fund Project manager.

Name (print): _____ Signature: _____
Address/Zip: _____ Day Phone: _____

1. Describe your proposed project.

- What do you want to do?
- Why do you want to do it?

2. Neighborhood Involvement

- Demonstrate broad participation by neighborhood residents in your project by indicating how you contacted them, how many are involved, and what parts of your community they represent.
- Provide specific examples of how they participated in selecting and planning your project and how they will be involved in carrying out the project.
- If applicable, how are youth/young people involved in this project?

3. Community Building

- How is this a community building project, i.e. the project creates stronger bonds between neighbors and greater connections in your community.
- Identify 2-3 elements or strategies of this project that will build community.

4. Project Budget (see forms on pp 4-5)

It is helpful to group related items in your budget. For example, group tools such as hammers with material such as lumber and nails. The budget tables display four categories: Materials & Equipment, Personnel, Services, and Construction/Capital. You may have entries for all four categories or for just one or two. If you have more line items than the grid provides for, use another sheet of paper (or add rows if you are using MS Word).

BUDGET FOR SUPPLIES & MATERIALS

Expenses such as street trees, lumber, postage, photocopies, permits, insurance.
Donated or in-kind materials and things can be included here.

A	B	C			D	E
Expenses (describe items)	NMF Request	Community/Neighborhood Match			Total Budget (B + C = D)	Other Sources not Counted as Match
		Volunteer Match	In-Kind Match (Donated supplies, services or other non-cash donations)	Cash Match		
Supplies & Materials						

BUDGET FOR PERSONNEL

Expenses for people you hire, supervise, and pay, OR volunteers such as project coordinator, fiscal sponsor, or steering committee.

A	B	C			D	E
Expenses (describe items)	NMF Request	Community/Neighborhood Match			Total Budget (B + C = D)	Other Sources not Counted as Match
		Volunteer Match	In-Kind Match (Donated supplies, services or other non-cash donations)	Cash Match		
Personnel						

BUDGET FOR SERVICES

Expenses for tasks you contract out to professionals such as landscape architect for a design or consultant to train board members. Professional services can also be donated in-kind match.

A	B	C			D	E
Expenses (describe items)	NMF Request	Community/Neighborhood Match			Total Budget (B + C = D)	Other Sources not Counted as Match
		Volunteer Match	In-Kind Match (Donated supplies, services or other non-cash donations)	Cash Match		
Services						

BUDGET FOR CAPITAL

Expenses associated with construction of physical improvement such as labor and construction materials to install a traffic circle. Professionals in the construction field or donated equipment can also be in-kind match.

A	B	C			D	E
Expenses (describe items)	NMF Request	Community/Neighborhood Match			Total Budget (B + C = D)	Other Sources not Counted as Match
		Volunteer Match	In-Kind Match (Donated supplies, services or other non-cash donations)	Cash Match		
Capital						
BUDGET GRAND TOTALS						

5. Workplan

- List in chronological order specific steps you will take to complete this project.
- Next to each step, identify who will be responsible for carrying out the step or activity.
- Estimate the date the step will be completed (month and year).

A. Step/Activity	B. Responsible Person/Group	C. Date Done

6. Project Type

Find your project type from the **5 TYPES listed below**. On Page 8, enter the project type and respond to the numbered points. In some instances, additional information about your project is requested; in others, attachments to the application are specified.

- **Neighborhood Planning and/or Design Project —**
Produce a plan, design, or report outlining specific actions that will serve as a guide for future action in or changes to your neighborhood.
 1. Describe how your organization will implement your plan or address your findings.
 2. If there are other neighborhood plans for your neighborhood, explain how your plan will complement other planning efforts.
 3. If your project is a physical improvement plan or design, provide proof of property owner's permission to make your proposed improvement. If a City-owned property, that approval may come via review of application by related department, IF that department is already aware of your project.
- **Neighborhood Organizing Project —**
Create, diversify, or enlarge the membership of a multi-issue neighborhood organization in a low-income neighborhood.
 1. Identify the geographic boundaries of your proposed project and provide data proving the neighborhood is predominantly low-income.
 2. Tell us if your project expands an existing group or creates a new one.
 3. Tell us what organizations already exist in your neighborhood and how yours will fill a gap not currently met by existing groups.
- **Neighborhood Physical Improvement Project —**
Build or enhance a tangible (physical) improvement in your neighborhood.
 1. Provide proof of the property owner's permission to construct your proposed improvement. If a City-owned property, that approval may come via review of application by related department, IF that department is already aware of your project.
 2. Include information on how ongoing maintenance will be provided, including the role your organization will play.
 3. If this project will improve property not owned by the City of Seattle, what does the City receive in return for making this award? Note: the value of the return should be commensurate with the anticipated award.
 4. If this project is proposed for Seattle Public Schools-owned property, you must complete the School District's Self-Help application. Attach a copy of the Self-Help application to your Small and Simple Projects Fund application.
 5. You may need to purchase Commercial General Liability insurance for your project if there is considered to be a risk, to limit the liability of your organization as well as the City. Add this cost to your budget, which can range from \$300 to \$1,000 depending on the scope of your project.
- **Neighborhood Non-Physical Improvement Project —**
A community-building activity or event, such as a festival or celebration, a training session, an education campaign, or a workshop. A festival or celebration will only be funded one time.
 1. Provide the start date, end date, and location of the proposed project.
 2. Provide proof of the property owner's permission to use the property for this purpose.
- **Public School Partnership Project —**
Pilot or start-up program that directly benefits a public school and the immediate neighborhood.
 1. Describe how neighborhood residents, in addition to students, parents, and teachers of the school, have been involved in planning the project and how they will be actively involved in project implementation.
 2. Explain how neighborhood residents will benefit from the completed project.
 3. For a physical improvement project, Seattle Public Schools requires you to complete its Self-Help Application. Attach a copy of it to your Small and Simple Projects Fund application.
 4. For a project that is not a physical improvement, attach a letter of approval from the school principal.

- **Race Relations and Social Justice** – Create grassroots opportunities for diverse communities to interact, encourage mutual understanding and respect, celebrate uniqueness, openly address issues of racial and social inequity, and help improve the quality of life for all City residents. (R&SJ projects do not have to be neighborhood based under the Small and Simple Fund category.)
 1. Describe how the project brings people together to improve race relations and social justice issues.
 2. Provide a detailed description of what the project is and how it will be carried out.
 3. Show how project will be carried out primarily by volunteers (vs. paid staff or consultants).

7. Project Type: Enter the project type and respond to the numbered points listed on page 7.

8. Attachments

Attachments should demonstrate that your match is in place, the project is well-planned and ready to go, and the community supports the project.

- Copies of documentation of all proposed match.
- If appropriate, reproducible black-and-white copies of map, site plans, and/or construction drawings.
- **All attachments must be 8-1/2" x 11" in size and printed on one side only.**

IF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION HAS NEVER APPLIED BEFORE for a Small and Simple Projects

Fund award: Please describe your organization: number of members, geographic boundaries, mission, membership policy, and accomplishments.

9. Other: Is there anything else the reviewers should know about your proposed project?

10. Fiscal Sponsor (Optional information, not required at time of submitting application.)

Fiscal Sponsor Organization (if different than applicant organization; if known at this time)

Fiscal Sponsor Contact Person

Fiscal Sponsor Organization's Federal Tax ID Number

Mailing Address

Zip Code

Day/Work Phone

Evening/Home Phone

E-mail Address

Match Pledge Form For: _____
(Name of Project)

The individuals, businesses, or organizations listed below commit to donate volunteer time, materials, or services as described below for the above project.

Name (Please Print)	Signature	Item or Number of Hours Pledged	Value	Kinds of Activities